

Programme of Business for the Session.

***Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).**—Before going further, I would like to know if the Leader of the House has come to any decision regarding the programme for the Session. I made a request yesterday and he wanted time to consider.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Leader of the House).—Sir, I took some time in order to consider the request of the Leader of the Opposition very sympathetically. Therefore, Sir, I examined the matter and it now seems impossible for us to alter the programme that has already been fixed. That is the constitutional requirement and the programme has been fixed bearing in mind the business that should be transacted by the Upper House. I therefore request him, Sir, to kindly agree to the programme already fixed.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Yesterday, I made some suggestions. I suggested that the non-official business and resolutions and the consideration of the Rules Committee report might be deferred to the month of April and if that is done, we will get three days more; and 31st March also may be utilised. If you make use of these four days, you will have fourteen days for the consideration of Grants. The consideration of the Rules Committee Report is fixed for the 15th and on 16th and 17th we have non-official resolutions. So these three items of business may conveniently be postponed so as to provide time for the consideration of the financial business and my suggestion is that all these three days may be set apart for the consideration of the Demands for Grants. And 31st March is left; that also can be utilised. It is quite possible to utilise Wednesday the 31st also. We will then have four days more.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is another difficulty I find. Monday 22nd is Election day for the election to the Legislative Council from the Assembly and this Hall is fixed as the place where the voting should take place. It is not likely that we will meet here. We may have it on 17th instead of

22nd. There remains only one day for us; that is the 16th. There may be some taxation Bills, etc., I am not aware of it.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—There will be some Bills, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If that is the case, no time is available. 15th and 16th can be utilised for that purpose. There is no other day available during this Session unfortunately.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I would like to know what the ultimate decision of the Leader of the House is. Well, Sir, this is a very serious matter which I cannot...

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It is not a very serious matter.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Serious in a sense.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakal-muru).—One day is curtailed. Is it not?

Mr. SPEAKER.—We will have it on the 17th instead of on the 22nd.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—If my friend is anxious to discuss the Government's policies, if he wants particular days in April on particular motions to be discussed, we shall think of that request on its merits. Not that I want to shut out discussions or curtail the criticisms made on the floor of the House—but we have to adjust accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I would like to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Sri Mulka Govinda Reddy to Rule 124 (1), which says, it shall be not less than 10 days. We have given 10 days.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—That is obligatory, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You were expressing about the curtailment of powers or privileges or some such thing. It is not so.

Sri M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—Sir, during the last session, the rules for the recruitment of judicial officers below the rank of District Judges were placed before this House. Some of us wanted to discuss them and wanted an opportunity to be given to discuss those rules and if necessary to move amendments. Then the Leader of the House was pleased to say that he would consider whether an opportunity should be given to this House to discuss those rules. I now bring this to the notice of the House and the Leader of the

House to know whether some time would be allotted for the House to discuss those rules.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—What rules?

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Rules framed under Article 234 of the Constitution, regarding the recruitment of judicial officers below the rank of District Judges.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You mean the rules of recruitment copies of which were distributed to the members of the House the other day? It is not obligatory on the part of the Government to move any motion. In fact they have not brought any motion. It is left to Hon'ble non-official members, if they so deem necessary in the public interests, to give notice of amendments. So far they have, not given notice of any amendments. So there is no occasion for discussion.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Last time, the question was not closed. It was still open.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I gave a ruling on that occasion.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Sir, as you have rightly suggested, all the rules cannot be discussed. If any particular amendment is given notice of, we can consider that on its merits.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, it is a very serious matter. I feel that our rights and privileges are curtailed by the persistent policy adopted by the Government. We have been requesting for the last three years. . . .

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before you complete, I would request you to please reconsider your decision. I can imagine what it is. If the Budget had been presented earlier than the 6th, everything would have been all right. But the Government had their own difficulty this time. So I request the House to be satisfied with these ten days for this time. For the general discussion on the Budget, one more day has been allotted. You must be satisfied with it. In the light of that I suggest your decision may be reconsidered.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, I do not want to be discourteous to the Speaker. My complaint certainly is not against the Speaker. He is helpless.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I can understand. It is against the Government.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, the Government ought to have presented the Budget, on the very first day of the Budget Session. I hope at least hereafter, they will do so. They must make it available as early as possible, and preference should be given to financial matters. The Leader of the House has been proclaiming loudly that he will invite the co-operation of the Leader of the Opposition while fixing the Business of the House. He has not done so. In spite of our repeated requests, you were able to allot only ten days. We wanted to protest. You are the guardian of the rights and privileges of this House. I hope that, hereafter, you will take care to see that all these pledges are implemented and Government does its duty. With this emphatic protest, we leave the future programme of the House and our rights and privileges in your hands.

Mr. SPEAKER.—In fact, the Leader of the Opposition has suggested in the Rules Committee the other day that instead of ten days, not less than twelve days may be substituted. That has been approved by the Committee. Since one or two members were absent on that occasion due to indisposition, it has been postponed for further consideration. It is likely that instead of ten days, twelve days would be substituted. I would even think of allotting fifteen days in the future. However, I assure you, it will not be less than twelve days. I hope and I have reason to believe that the Committee will pass this amendments.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I may straight away tell you, Sir, that I agree to your suggestion.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Fifteen days?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—No. For twelve days.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I would like to have it as not less than twelve days.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I agree, Sir.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA [Minister for Revenue and Public Works] [On behalf of **Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO**